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## BAPTISTS CONVENT.

A Large Number of Delegates Assemble for Business Today.

## ENCOURAGING REPORTS RECEIVED.

Showing the Condition of the District Churches.

## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

The deep interest which is felt by the Baptists of this city not only in the welfare of the particular church to which they belong, but in the advancement of the entire denomination in this locality, found another illustration in the Calvary Baptist Church, 8th and H streets, this morning. The occasion was the annual meeting of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches. For fifteen years the association has been in existence and has done much to enlarge the denomination and to stimulate the work which is carried on by the various churches. The association is a direct promoter of legislation, and is merely a bond of union between the various churches to aid in general work and strengthen church feeling. It has charge of the city missions, however, and is given certain sums of money to be expended in this purpose. It supplies the pastors for the Grace, Anacostia and Mt. Tabor (Tenleytown) churches and owns the property as well as supplies the pastor of the Maryland Avenue church. It has charge of the mission Sunday school on New Hampshire avenue and H street, the West End Mission in Georgetown and the East Washington Heights Mission. It also has in charge the church at Hynesboro Park, Md.

The annual meetings are times in one sense of review and advice of encouragement, so that all the workers composing the various churches may enter upon their labor for the new year stimulated by the interchange of ideas and by the knowledge of what others are doing along the same lines of effort.

The association is to be in session three days, and the opening session was held last evening at the Calvary Baptist Church. The annual service was delivered by Rev. R. R. West. He was assisted in the services by Revs. Green Clay Smith, E. H. Swem and J. J. Muir. This morning the business sessions were opened by the moderator, Rev. J. J. Muir. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Naylor. The letters from the churches were read by Rev. Mr. Naylor, who acted as secretary. The association then proceeded to the election of officers.

From motion of Rev. E. H. Swem, the clerk was unanimously directed to cast a ballot for Rev. Dr. C. C. Meador as moderator for the coming year. The ballot was cast and Mr. Meador then came forward and was received with a few pleasant words by the retiring moderator, Rev. J. J. Muir, who acted as secretary. Mr. Meador then addressed the association as follows:

Dr. Meador then expressed his thanks for the honor which had been conferred on him. In a pleasant way he disclaimed the appellation of father in Israel, but said that he could look back over a period of forty years. He said that the present prosperity of the association was a remarkable illustration of the progress which had been made by the denomination in this city.

Mr. A. M. Clapp moved that the moderator cast the ballot for the election of Mr. S. M. Yeatman, the efficient secretary for so many years of the association, as secretary of the association.

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The report from the Anacostia church paid a tribute to the life and character of their late pastor, Rev. E. S. Towne, who died during the year. It was stated that Rev. Mr. Stevenson had been called to the pastorate and his work had met with much success.

In the report from the E Street Church it was stated that during the year \$5,000 had been contributed toward the payment of the church's debt. It was also stated that a total of about \$10,000 which had been paid for this object during the past year, independent of the contributions toward the church's debt, had been received.

Reference was made to the new church enterprise and it was stated that a lot had been purchased at the corner of 6th and E streets. It was also stated that the church had been made to sell their present church property, but owing to the stringency of the times they had not been carried out. It was hoped that the operations could be begun at an early date.

A tribute was paid in the report from the church to the late Rev. Dr. James H. Cuthbert, a former pastor of the church. Reference was also made to the death of Mr. Calvin P. Samson and it was stated that the church had received \$10,000 for the use of the church.

Owing to the ill health of their pastor, Rev. J. D. Smith, the report from Grace Church stated that the congregation had accepted his resignation and that the church was now without a pastor. The fact was commented on in the report that since the erection of a church building had been taken nearly all the members of means have taken to the city and gone to other churches. This comment caused a smile

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TUNKHANNOCK, Pa., Nov. 21.—Great difficulty is experienced in making up trains at the Coxton yard, owing to the disappearance of all the coupling-pins.